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March 26, 1952

Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

The silica-gel-dried cultures of E. coli and Shigella that you sent us in February were opened after a month and both grew promptly upon transferring the granules to broth. Thank you very much for this courtesy and for the leaflet explaining your procedure.

The mechanical features of this process appear to be admirable. We have wondered how the exceptionally neat and stout seal is accomplished. The National Type Culture Collection of England is now sending out dried cultures, produced by the ordinary lyophile process, which are encased in a small balsa wood block with a cardboard cover, sealed with plastic tape. This is about the ultimate in preparing bacterial cultures for transport by air mail.

Can you conveniently send us two more of the direction sheets? I am asking the Washington Academy for a small grant to support a study of this method and the application must be in duplicate.

With thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Freeman A. Weiss

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